Losses due to flood

1038. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether deaths and losses due to the current floods across several States in the country can be attributed not only to rains but also to mismanagement of water levels in big and small dams;

(b) whether the lastest Central Water Commission report have mentioned that as many as 41 reservoirs across the country were choking with excess water which might result in disastrous floods, especially in the western and southern belts of the country; and

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to urge the States to release excess water from dams?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Water levels in dams and reservoirs are regulated by the concerned State Governments/Project Authorities. No deaths and losses have been reported so far due to mismanagement of water level in dams/ reservoirs in the current floods from the State authorities.

(b) No such report has been brought out by Central Water Commission.

(c) Releases from the dams are regulated by the concerned State Governments/ Project Authorities owning the reservoirs. This Ministry has set up a Standing Group on Dam Operation and Modernization of Flood Forecasting Network in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat under the Chairmanship of Chief Engineer (Flood Management), Central Water Commission during April, 2007 to coordinate the modalities of operations of dams having inter-state implications and suggesting modernization of flood forecasting network in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

Anti-sea erosion works

1039. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala submitted a proposal for anti-sea erosion works to Central Water Commission (CWC) for inclusion in the National Coastal Protection Project;

(b) if so, the details of the project proposal therein; and

(c) the action Government have taken in this regard and the details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Government of Kerala submitted a revised proposal with an estimated cost of Rs. 216.96 crore in June, 2003 for inclusion in the proposed National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP). The

proposal envisages construction of 52.065 kms. of new sea walls, reformation of 59.448 kms, of old damaged sea wall and 21 numbers of groynes in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Manjeri, Kozhikode, Thalessery and Kasaragode Divisions.

(c) Schemes for anti-sea erosion works are planned and implemented by the respective State Governments. Realizing the importance of such works, Central Water Commission requested the State Governments to identify the critical reaches and submit suitable proposal with a view to prepare a scheme namely National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP) for seeking external funding. Based on the proposals received from the State Governments, a concept note was prepared and forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) for identifying a suitable external funding agency. The DEA has forwarded the concept note to Asian Development Bank (ADB) for consideration. The ADB has approved administering technical assistance to the Government of India for technical studies on "Integrated Coastal Management and related Investment Development". An ADB Inception Mission visited the States during September-November 2006. An ADB Fact Finding Mission visited three States namely Maharashtra, Goa, and Karnataka during April-May, 2007.

Irrigation potential of Jharkhand

1040. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects sanctioned by his Ministry in the State of Jharkhand in the last three years;

(b) whether his Ministry is aware that the irrigation potential of Jharkhand is less than 10 per cent;

(c) how do his Ministry propose to bring the irrigation potential to national average of 40 per cent in the State of Jharkhand; and

(d) the details of the financial allocation and the irrigation potential in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) One irrigation scheme, namely, Burahi Reservoir project of Jharkhand State has been received in Central Water Commission for Techno economic appraisal during the last three years. Comments/observations on the same have been sent to the State Government for compliance.

(b) to (d) As per the Report of the Working Group on Water Resources for Eleventh Plan, the likely potential creation in the Jharkhand State is 43 per cent of the ultimate potential of the State and that of the country is 73.4 per cent at the end of Tenth Plan. The Central Government launched Accelerated Irrigation. Benefits Programme (AIBP) from 1996-97 to provide financial assistance to the States for early completion of the irrigation projects and creation of additional potential. Scheme-wise details of CLA/Grant released for the projects and the potential created under AIBP in the State of Jharkhand are given in Statement-I and II respectively.